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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF GUAM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CRIMINAL CASE NO. 07-00075
Plaintiff,)
vs.)) MEMORANDUM OF POINTS) AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT) OF MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS) AS COUNSEL
NATHANIEL DIAZ PUNZALAN,	
Defendant.)))

MOTION

William L. Gavras hereby moves the Court for permission to withdraw as counsel of record for the Defendant, Nathaniel Diaz Punzalan, due to the fact that the attorney-client relationship is irretrievably broken. Defendant has stated he no longer trusts counsel. Such a statement makes continued representation untenable. This request is supported by the Memorandum of Points & Authorities below and the Declaration of William L. Gavras.

United States of America v. Nathaniel Diaz Punzalan;

Criminal Case No. 07-00075

Memorandum of Points and Authorities In Support of Motion To Withdraw As

Counsel

January, 2008

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

William L. Gavras brings this Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of record for the

Defendant due to the fact that the attorney-client relationship is irretrievably broken.

This request is made in compliance with the spirit and letter of the Model Rules of

Professional Conduct, as contained in Title 7 of the Guam Code Annotated, in

particular, Rule 1.16 Subsection [a] which reads in part:

[a] Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer shall not represent a client or,

where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of

a client if: 1. The representation will result in violation of the Rules of Professional

Conduct or other law; 2. The lawyer's physical or mental condition materially

impairs the lawyer's ability to represent the client; or 3. The lawyer is discharged.

The Defendant will not communicate with counsel and thus counsel cannot

competently represent Defendant.

Dated: January 29, 2008.

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By:

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